**Summary:**

-The chapter started off with Xavier remember old memories he had with Elijah, like the time they rode trains to join the army, and how they planned to run away from the residential schools.

-As the story of Xavier in the war progressed, he talked about how he was depressed during the winter and how he wanted to see Lisette. He thought that if he could see Lisette his depression would go away.

-Xavier talks about him killing the German sniper, and how it was his first time killing a man. He said it was the first time he felt like an ancestor, an awawatuk raider and warrior. Xavier then stated that he could shoot other men if it's for his survival, and as long as he prays to Gitchi Manitou

-The Canadians watch a hill the Fritz have dug into where the Fritz also watch the Canadians. At night The Canadian Engineers dig underground tunnels towards the hill. The tunnels are later used for the soldiers to go closer to the German line without being noticed.

-After seeing three dead Fritz hung on a wire, Xavier is convinced that the corpses have bullets for a Mauzer on them. He decides to go alone, without Elijah on this adventure for the bullets. On the night of the raid, however, he feels that something is wrong and decides not to go. He then thinks of how Elijah would've gone anyway, feeling defeated.

-Xavier is slowly going deaf in the war. He has a hard time hearing what other people say at times, and hears whining/ringing noises.

-McCaan orders Elijah and Xavier to take their position to help support the attack on the Germans. As they set up their post Elijah decides to go to the German line with his trench knife, because it is hard to set up with the German listening post so near. He later comes back after having killed three men, proud that he has slit their throats and scalped them.

-While the Canadians went over the top to attack the Germans, Xavier readies himself after having shot down the Germans that were operating the machine guns. Gilberto sees Xavier down in his post and while trying to help Xavier get up he ends up being shot in the face. He then joins the other soldiers to attack the Germans.

-While Xavier was running towards the enemy line, he repeated Niska's name, like it was somehow a protection against the bullets.

-When Xavier goes into the trench he kills a few soldiers but ends up getting choked by an enemy soldier. He then thinks he is going to die there and gives up, but McCaan comes and saves him by shooting the German with his revolver.

Quotations

“Three of them!” he whispers. “I slit the throats of three of them so quickly that I surprised even myself! I am truly a ghost man now!” His hands look black in the dark, and I realize that they are covered with blood.”(pg. 230)

This quotation reveals the war atrocities that casually took place often. When Elijah brought the news to Xavier about his kills it showed the cruelty every soldier needed to carry when in war along with a lack of empathy in order to kill. These three kills brought Elijah personal satisfaction and shows the readers how Elijah is improving his skills and enhancing his reputation as a soldier. We can recognize this as Elijah gladly says he is a ghost man because of how quickly he slit the throats of the three soldiers.

“The whole earth is on fire in front of me, exploding in huge fountains of mud and fire. I can feel the rumble below me, through me, swallowing me. My whole body vibrates with it.” (pg. 233)

This quotation divulges the reality of war and the brutal views of it with lots of violence and weapons. In this quotation Xavier reveals his point of view as to what he sees and how it makes him feel. This shows how the violence in war was their key to success, giving us a perspective of how tough it got for soldiers fighting in wars and the ways it consumed them with worries for protection and their lives. In previous chapters Xavier was not able to hear because of the gun shots so close to his ear. On page 237 Xavier says "I begin to mouth your name over and over, like a protection against the bullets."